

Hagar: Chicken nuggets sparked prison riot

UNITY — Chicken nuggets were the catalyst for a two hour standoff Monday night in the maximum security unit at the Sullivan County House of Corrections, according to authorities.

Superintendent Scott Hagar said Tuesday the problem was over almost as soon as the emergency response team, made up of off duty corrections staff and area police officers, arrived on scene.

Sometime between 5 p.m. and 5:20 p.m. Monday, the inmates in the maximum security unit became agitated about the food they were served for dinner, Hagar said. This prompted some of the inmates to act out and soon the dinners were being thrown all over the housing unit, Hagar said.

The inmates refused to quiet down and and return to their cells until the emergency response team arrived. Hagar said the inmates quickly got back into their cells once the

team got to the unit.

Hagar said the after incident reports indicate the inmates were upset they were served chicken nuggets for dinner two nights in a row. Hagar said the jail does have a system for deal-

ing with inmate complaints.

"If they want their grievances to be heard, there is a procedure that needs to be followed," Hagar said.

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